

ARMY OFFICERS SEE MANY REASONS FOR CHANGE IN THE MILITARY POLICY

Army officers here see many reasons why a change in the military policy on Oahu, locating the main strength of the army eventually to be stationed on the island in the vicinity of Pearl Harbor, instead of at Schofield Barracks, will be of enormous practical and tactical advantage. It is generally agreed that this would be the logical disposition of a large body of troops, and that if the defense is made, which met here last summer made such a recommendation in its report, and the report has been approved, then the military force of Oahu is much better placed than formerly.

When the report of the defense board was prepared and forwarded to Washington by General Macomb, Lieutenant Colonel Morrison, Major Blakely and Major Weston, no word as to its recommendations was allowed to go out, but now that it has reached Washington and has been approved, according to press dispatches, the veil of secrecy has been somewhat lifted. The change of plans regarding Schofield Barracks, told here for the first time in yesterday's issue of the Star-Bulletin, is of the greatest interest to both service people and civilians, for the garrisoning of a large force near the city will not only more effectively protect it in time of war, but will be of tremendous commercial advantage in time of peace. Eight thousand soldiers quartered within twenty minutes' trolley ride of the city will mean a great increase in general business, and keep a large amount of money in constant circulation.

It is said on the best authority that the plans of the defense board contemplate the garrisoning of Schofield Barracks with only its present force, consisting of one regiment of cavalry, two of infantry and a battalion of field artillery. The other four regiments of infantry, included in the plan of general staff for Oahu's mobile army, will be stationed near Honolulu, in what are known as "city barracks," that is, three-story buildings of men without requiring much land which will house a large number of troops.

Two regiments will probably go to Fort Shafter and two to Fort Kamehameha, which, under the original plan, was to be a two-company coast artillery post. There is plenty of land available on both sides of the present fortifications there, and this would be the logical place for a strong garrison on account of its nearness to Pearl Harbor. There is plenty of room on the Shafter reservation, although considerable clearing and a little filling will have to be done before more buildings are erected.

In the plan of the general staff, nine batteries of field artillery are apportioned to Oahu, and probably one battalion will be stationed in the neighborhood of Waialua, to oppose a landing on that portion of the coast. Sea coast fortifications are also planned, it is said, for that point. The other artillery battalion would probably go to Schofield.

The reason for the entire change of plans as regards Schofield Barracks seems to be in the fact that there is nothing to defend in the center of the island. The main body of troops would be too far from the main line of Pearl Harbor and Honolulu's defense, and might be entirely cut off from subsistence, and caught between two bodies of invaders. In time of peace it would be more economical to have the main body of troops nearer the city, as the freight rates to Lihouea greatly increase the cost of subsistence and forage.

GRAND LAYOUT OF JEWELRY

A piece of honest jewelry is a joy forever, and nobody makes a mistake who invests in such a token of love and friendship in Christmas buying. Honolulu jewelry stores are among the best evidence of its metropolitanism and wealth, comparing favorably in style and stocks with the finest places of the kind anywhere. The Vieira establishment on Hotel street is this season one of the most brilliant show places in town. J. A. R. Vieira, president of the Vieira Jewelry Co., in mentioning some of the holiday lines in the store, was able to name some articles that express the latest word in jewels on the mainland. The Star-Bulletin man took things down just as they were run over by Mr. Vieira as follows:

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HUNT THE GAY SLIPPER HERE

"Business is a little better than last year," said W. H. Smith, manager of the Manufacturers' Shoe Co., Ltd., this morning, "although we are a little handicapped by not having the fleet here. We have the best selection of goods we have ever had for Christmas, and trade started in lively from the first of the month."

"No doubt the public will be interested to know that the prices of all shoes have been going up since the first of September. They have increased 25 per cent, but luckily for our custom our goods were ordered in August, so that the raise has not yet affected this store. A scarcity of leather is the cause of the rise in prices, and on the mainland has produced a strong run on fabrics in place of leather. One manufacturer who caught on to the situation early has cleaned up a little fortune in foot-wear of fabrics."

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'KONA NIGHTINGALES' TO SING IN HONOLULU

The "Kona Nightingales," famous for their sweet singing will give a series of concerts in Honolulu during the holiday season. This will afford the music-loving people of Honolulu an opportunity to hear the Konaites sing a number of the famous Hawaiian songs, composed by the old Aliis of Hawaii.

The "Nightingales" are none other than the Kona club, C. E. King, supervising principal of the Kona schools, is the director, and with him are Matthew H. Kane, baritone, Lota Kamea and Thos. Hane, bass singers, S. Toomey, tenor, J. Koonoon, alto, and a few other well known singers from the famous shores of Kona.

The singers, according to the present arrangement, will arrive here next Friday morning in the steamer Kilauea. And after having rehearsals they will give concerts in the K. P. Hall, where it is expected a large audience will greet the Kona nightingales.

One of the songs, composed by Kane, will be sung again. This is a new addition. The singers agreed to come here at the urgent solicitations of their friends in the cosmopolitan.

It is believed also that they will also give a few solo songs during the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Kamehameha Schools, which will be commemorated from tonight of the 20th, when the occasion is a narrow morning, and lasting until the night of the 20th when the occasion will be ended with a grand feast in the dining hall of the Boys' School.



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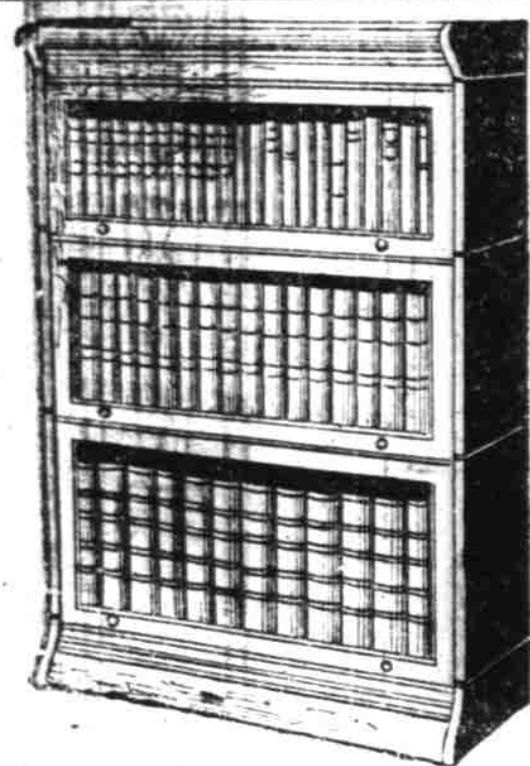
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